

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting

Monday, February 25, 2019 – 6:30 pm

Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 2/11/19
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
 - Bob Williams, NewMont Slate Company
 - Thomas Hand, MHG Solar
 - Communication from Frank Fressie
- 4) Road Report
 - Lease for Excavator
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Town Meeting – March 4, 2019
 - Transfer Station Permits
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business
 - Green Mountain College meeting March 7, 2019
 - Liquor Licenses – Midway (TenneyBrook)
- 7) Executive Session
- 8) Health Officer's Report
- 9) Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- 10) Board Orders
- 11) Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

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Jeff King called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Frank Fressie, Terry Williams, Tom Coloutti, and George Miller. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, and members of the public (see attached list).

Adoption of the Agenda: Terry Williams made a motion to adopt the agenda. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: George Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of 2/11/19. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns:

- Thomas Hand from MHG Solar presented to the board and discussed the three solar projects they currently are in the process of permitting in Poultney. The company is looking to have the Town and or Village become subscribers. They projects will not be built until they have identified subscribers and enter into long-term 25 year commitments to purchase the power. The 25 year is based upon the warranty period of the panels. There would be a 7.5% fixed discount on the power for eligible power usage (some street lights are not eligible. Donaldson to get them copies of bills. Tom Coloutti asked if there is a minimum or maximum amount GMP will buy back. Mr. Hand stated that there are 3 size solar projects, residential capped at 15K KW, 150K KW, under net metering, and 500K KW project (500K KW are the size MHG is building). The project in South Poultney is a 300K KW project. The matter was tabled with no action taken by the board.
- Bon Williams, Esq., from NewMont Slate presented and the Slate Association stands ready to support the Town and Village of Poultney in relation to Green Mountain College leaving. Discussion followed as to the meeting at GMC on March 7, 2019. Frankl Fressie questioned whether anyone has spoken to other towns where schools have closed and how those towns weathered the closures.
- Chris Smid asked what the town was prepared to do and whether there has been exploration of possibilities to direct economic development in the town. Donaldson stated that the Town had received a Municipal Planning Grant, and was in the process of undertaking an economic leak/retention study and is now re-tailoring in in light of GMC closing. Donaldson also stated that the PDRC is working on restricting itself and working on identifying projects in the downtown.

- Carl Dietrich asked about the ongoing allegation of light shining in the window at the VEMAS property. Donaldson stated the board would be entering into Executive Session to discuss the matter. George Miller asked whether anyone had an opportunity to meet with Mr. Knappmiller. Donaldson stated no. Mr. Vreeland stated that he wanted to meet with him in the presence of Mr. Donaldson, joining by other neighbors, Pepler, Riberio, and that Attorney Kupferer had done a great deal to facilitate a meeting. Attorney Copper, for Mr. Knappmiller stated that his client was very busy, and spends a lot of time in Florida in the winter.

Road Report:

Donaldson stated that the paperwork for the Excavator lease had come through. It essentially is a lease to purchase, with 4 yearly payments, and one last payment of \$1.00 to buy outright. Terry Williams made a motion to allow Jeff King to sign the lease paperwork. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion, and motion carried with all in favor.

Donaldson stated the crew has been working hard to keep roads cleared and salted, and this winter has been tough on winter repairs. The salt budget is getting very close to going over.

Town Managers Report:

Paul Donaldson reminded the board that March 4, 2019 is Town Meeting Day, with the vote to follow the next day, March 5, 2019.

Discussion regarding the transfer station permits. George Miller made a motion to increase the permit fees from \$20 to \$25. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Transact Any Other Lawful Business:

Donaldson reminded the board about the meeting at Green Mountain College on March 7, 2019.

Paul Donaldson reported that Midway Oil (Tenneybrook) had applied to renew both of their liquor licenses. Terry Williams made a motion to approve both licenses. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Executive Session: Terry Williams made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation at 7:30PM. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

George Miller made a motion to leave Executive Session at 7:56PM. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried. Terry Williams made a motion to take no action at this time. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Health Officer:

Donaldson stated he was working on a couple of septic

complaints.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission:

Terry Williams reported he was asked to join the Planning Committee at the RRPC.

Board Orders:

Tom Coloutti made a motion to pay board orders. Terry Williams seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Frank Fressie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. George Miller seconded the Motion.

Motion carried.

s/Paul Donaldson